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1 P R O C E E D I N G S
2 **JAKE ALMEIDA:** Okay, good morning,
3 everyone. I'd like to welcome you to today's
4 Administrative Order, or AO, 360 stakeholder input
5 session on Chapter 57, Library Services. Thank you for
6 taking the time to join us.
7 The purpose of this meeting is to hear
8 directly from stakeholders and members of the public
9 regarding regulatory burdens or barriers you believe
10 should be addressed as part of Alaska's AO 360 reform
11 project.
12 Your input is critical in helping us
13 shape meaningful changes that support students and
14 schools, and in this case libraries, archives, and
15 museums. To honor your time, this session will end
16 promptly on the hour.
17 These stakeholder meetings are
18 opportunities for us to listen to your perspectives
19 before any regulations are drafted, amended, or
20 repealed. This is not the formal public comment
21 process under the Administrative Procedure Act, or APA.
22 That process would, of course, begin later after draft
23 regulations have undergone legal review and have been
24 formally approved for public comment.
25 As part of our regulatory reform plan,

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1 the department must create a list of all the comments
2 we receive during the stakeholder process along with
3 whether we intend to implement each recommendation that
4 stakeholders make. And if we don't adopt a
5 recommendation, we're required to explain why not. So
6 that's why your feedback would be so valuable. It will
7 directly shape the department's analysis and inform you
8 of the next steps.
9 So to proceed today, we will first hear a
10 short overview of the regulations for this meeting, and
11 then we'll move into the comment period where you may
12 share your input.
13 Verbal feedback will be recorded,
14 summarized, and included in our department's reform
15 plan. Written feedback will also be accepted for 30
16 days following this session. And please refer to the
17 chat for information on submitting written feedback
18 and, again, for signing up for verbal comment today.
19 So with that I will pass it over to Dr.
20 Amy Phillips-Chan who is our director of library,
21 archives, and museums for the department and go
22 overview the regulations from there. To you, Amy.
23 **AMY PHILLIPS-CHAN:** Great. Thanks, Jake.
24 And good morning, everyone. As Jake shared, I am Amy
25 Phillips-Chan, and I get to serve as the director of

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1 the Alaska State Libraries, Archives, and Museums. So
2 thanks to everybody for being on this morning.
3 Today I have two Alaska State Library
4 team members online as well. We have Freya Anderson
5 who is our head of information services and historical
6 collections. Good morning, Freya. And we have Valerie
7 Kingsland, who is our head of library development and
8 our public library coordinator, and good morning to
9 Valerie.
10 So this morning is designated to Chapter
11 57 of the regulations, which is library services. So
12 Chapter 57 really covers the collections, program,
13 services, and grants that are provided or administered
14 by the Alaska State Library.
15 So if you've had an opportunity to look
16 at the regulations online or through the links that
17 have been provided, we encourage you to consider the
18 different sections in the regs. And as you consider
19 these sections, we encourage you to think about whether
20 the current regulations create unnecessary burdens,
21 whether they meet today's needs, and what changes might
22 better serve our Alaska libraries, as well as museums,
23 schools, families, and students.
24 And with that I'll turn it back over to
25 Jake who is going to provide some instructions for

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1 providing input on these regulations. Jake.
2 **JAKE ALMEIDA:** Thanks, Amy. Yes, at this
3 time, looking at the current waiting room, we do not
4 have anyone from the public ready to provide public
5 comment, so we will just be on hold. And for anyone
6 that joins you will see a link promptly added to the
7 chat. And you can also raise your hand on the bottom
8 of the bar as well. But at this time we will just wait
9 on hold, thank you.
10 (Pause)
11 **JAKE ALMEIDA:** Okay, we will now go ahead
12 and conclude this public stakeholder meeting for
13 Chapter 57, Library Services on today, Wednesday,
14 October 22nd.
15 If you're watching this recording and
16 would like to submit feedback regarding these
17 regulations, you can always go to our website at
18 education.alaska.gov/ao360 and it will be submitted for
19 the record that way.
20 Thank you, and we will now close this
21 meeting.
22 (Meeting concluded)
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